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Extremely bad audibility due to very strong interference by radio music in the room where the conversation took place. Conversation became partly intelligible only during period when the volume of the radio music diminished by itself and before it was again adjusted when it was noticed by the three men in the room.

S. was talking about the situation at the "section" (CIS HQ) in Prague and said that educational requirements on the people working there are being stepped up and that university education is now a normal requirement. B. said that a man who is assigned to work abroad, if he should be properly prepared for his job, should know at least two foreign languages and have a good general knowledge of the area and this he cannot get even at a university. J. said that when he was at the "section" during his visit in Prague at Christmas, everybody was talking only about education. S. said this has now subsided a little but at one time it was out of all proportions. B. said that this a consequence of the past mistakes

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J. then said that the present chiefs are of better quality. B. said the present chiefs are mainly men with practical experience whose fingers were burned several times on the job and so they know what it is all about. Formerly many of the chiefs got the jobs because they had a friend at the Central Committee.

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S. then complained that people in the CSSR now do not respect anything or anybody while formerly President Masaryk was a God for most of the people. J. said that the point is that to-day ^{people} "shit on everything".

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J. said he is also getting fed up with the job because he has a 17 years old daughter at home and the parents are always away, the daughter hardly knows her parents and she is more attached to her grandmother because she lives with her. J. said he is very glad he has a young daughter who is living with him and his wife in the Netherlands because otherwise he and his wife would feel very lonely. B. said that his daughter Jana is 18 years old and whenever she sees her parents she is a completely different person, very lively and energetic. S. said that if family members do not see each other for a longer period of time they tend to become estranged.

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..... I will wait till the factories
 order the machines I've ordered. I don't know the machinery
 and I don't know anything about it
 at all and now I'm facing a problem how I will be evalu-
 ted.

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 S. then said that the Cadre Department (probably of the CIS
 HQ) is again investigating the past life of all employees
 but this time back from the time when the employee was 14
 years of age. The employees are required to submit written con-
 firmation from schools, employments etc. covering the whole
 period. S. said he was lucky because by chance he had all the
 testimonials ready but many employees have a lot of trouble
 obtaining them. D. was then talking about retirement (not
 clear) and said that no employee can retire before he rea-
 ches 55 years of age and that an employee with 20 operation-
 al years reaches a "coiling" (not clear what is meant by it)
 S. said that this regulation has now been abolished.

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 S. said that a recreational area within the radius of 50 km
 around Prague is now being planned. Recreational centers and
 individual week-end houses will be built in this area where
 the inhabitants of Prague will be able to relax after work.
 D. said that to rent a week-end house will cost Kcs 600.-
 per year and this is too much for most people. S. also com-
 plained that the taxation on cars is too high.

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 S. said that when he came to HAVANA (he was a code clerk
 there for a period of time) there were plenty of good and
 cheap cigarettes mostly American. But soon after the Czech
 planners arrived to help the Cuban economy the quality of
 the cigarettes on the market deteriorated so much that they
 didn't match even the quality of the Czech "Vlasta" cigaret-
 tes. S. added: "We are astonishing wizzards, aren't we?"

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 S. said there is a very strong opposition against the new
 proposed system of foreign trade by all levels of employees
 of the Ministry for Foreign Trade and the individual export-
 import monopolies. The employees, from the top bosses to the
 lowest level, are afraid that they would have to move out of
 Prague to the provinces if the individual enterprises will
 themselves sell their products to foreign customers abroad.
 S. added that some 20,000 employees are involved.

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 J: So to-morrow we are going to AMERSFOORT.

R: With whom are you going?

J: With KRALOVA and KAPCEN. A firm called TROJMAN(??) ?.....
and on Thursday we are going to the automobile
 show (in Amsterdam).

R: Who will go there?

J: I, KRALOVA, PETYREK, MATOUSSEK and RVIKZA.

R: VESTICKA is also expected to come.

J: He is? And on Friday (19 Feb.) I will go with Pepik (RUT)
 to this hole beyond GRONINGEN because I have to go there
on 16 March (?) we have a meeting
 there with this boy
 so I shall be away the whole week.

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M: But you're counting with the job on Saturday, isn't you?
 J: At what time shall we start?
 M: At eight, or.....?
 J: No.probably both.

 P:if on would be going alone.
 S: In any of these situations it is quite clear. I
 ...that I would like to talk to him for about four hours.
 J: At about what time should we start? At what time do you have it?
 S:
 P: ...that we should not take it with us.
 S: Besides, you will go with your car, won't you?
 P: Shortly after eight o'clock, or, better still at 7.50

 S:because he will be going back in the evening.
 P: But his trip back doesn't interest us.
 S: But the time of time interests me.
 P: It's all the same to us.
 S: It is limited by the departure of his train back.
 P: It will take us three hours

 S: We'll find that out on the spot and then we shall be able to estimate the time. Then we shall know exactly.
 P: I would recommendthat's enough.
 J: It seems to me that there is a watched parking place for cars
 P: Look, I would leave it (the car) up there at the railway station and then I could calmly walk down. It takes about 10 minutes.
 J: The point is not whether to walk but that it should be somehow on a side.....
 P: There at the railways station up there.
 J: But these CD plates again, damn it
 S:some restaurant may be.
 P: There are plenty of them there on the spot, Standa.
 S: We would first look around.
 P: Next to the Europa there is a very nice cafe a few meters away.
 S: That's where we were upstairs at that time, isn't it so?
 P: Yes. There you can make the contact and then five meters further on there is a department store and in it there is a beautiful cafe. And there is also a very nice cafe-restaurant across the road from the Europa or at the corner before you come to Europa
 at three thirty it will start to fill up.
 S: I think that he will come on Saturday.
 J:if it didn't click on Saturday then we ought to withdraw
 S: I think that he will come. I would like to settle it all on Saturday and that's that.
 P: He will definitely come on Saturday.
 S: Did I tell you about the birthday? Didn't I? Can anybody have a worse luck than I?
 and that's why I postponed it
 I left myself 14 days and about a week before pay-day
and I, like an idiot I forgot that it was his birthday. Imagine that you talk to him once a year and you meet him just on his birthday. He wrote

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that's why I postponed it. This can happen only to me, such a stupid thing.

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P:celebrate to-day.

S:he will be in a hurry.

P: We could do one thing; if there is a possibility that we shall have to sleep there so we could pack our shaving things, soap and so on into a brief case and on Friday we could put it in your car.

At this moment the volume of the radio was turned up and the conversation became even less intelligible. The three men talked about a radio set which S. brought from Prague and which "stutters" and how it could be repaired.

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P: It is not made badly.

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P: If you'll have time come again for a little talk.

J: Before eight o'clock I'll be here.

B:we'll go to the little lake

J: You will be up there somewhere at the little lake?

P: Yes.

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